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ANNUAL REPORTS
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TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS
of the
TOWN OF WENTWORTH
New Hampshire

1997

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Lewis, Chairman
Doris Ode, Secretary

PAGES AND SUBJECTS OF PUBLICATION

Patricia Kelly, Chairman of the Board of Education
Doris Ode, Secretary

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1997

Harold B. Brown	Selectman Emeritus
Roy Ames, Jr.	Selectman for three years
Wayne E. Vlk	.....	Selectman for two years
Stephen Davis	.....	Selectman for one year
Arthur Morrison	.....	Moderator
Deborah Vlk	.....	Treasurer
Linda Brown	.....	Town Clerk
Juanita Farnsworth	.....	Tax Collector
Richard Blodgett	.....	Road Agent
Peter Chierichetti	.....	Police Chief
Selectmen	.....	Health Officer
Eleanor Murray	.....	Town Trustee for one year
Clark Hill	.....	Town Trustee for two years
Palmer Koelb	.....	Town Trustee for three years
Cay N. Thayer	.....	Library Trustee for one year
Lorraine Murphy	.....	Library Trustee for two years
Maurice Muzsey	.....	Library Trustee for three years

ELECTION OFFICERS FOR 1997

Arthur Morrison	.....	Moderator
Harold B. Brown	.....	Supervisor Checklist
Donald L. Campbell	.....	Supervisor Checklist
Jeffrey P. Emery	.....	Supervisor Checklist

BALLOT CLERKS

Lorraine Gove	.....	Linda Brown
Ruth Gilbert	.....	Virginia Gove

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Gowen, Chairperson	.....	Kevin Godfrey
Dawn Gove, Secretary	.....	Edward Waldron
Wilfred Tatham	Eugene Page
Wayne E. Vlk, Selectman	

AUDITORS

Janice Comeau	Raymond Hutchins
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Palmer Koelb, Chairperson (one year)	Commissioners
Burnie Backstrom (one year)	.....	Ash Eames (one year) Ilse Scheller (one year)

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town of Wentworth
WARRANT FOR 1998 TOWN MEETING

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs,

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wentworth, New Hampshire, will be held at the Wentworth Town Hall, in Wentworth, on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

(The polls will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. to vote on Article 1, (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 7 p.m.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for the replacement of the Thayer bridge, so called, over the South Branch of the Baker River on the Thayer Road, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow said sum under the Municipal Finance Act under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and further, to authorize the Selectmen to sign all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

(State law requires that voting on Article 2 must be by printed ballot. After the close of discussion, the polls must be open for at least one hour. Borrowing money requires a two-thirds vote of approval of those present and voting.)

Selectmen	For <u>2</u>	Against <u>1</u>
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3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the construction of a new Town office building, including the cost of moving the Town offices, to be located on the former school property owned by the Town on the corner of Route 25 and Atwell Hill Road, \$60,000 to be withdrawn from the General Revenue Surplus and the balance will be raised in taxes.

Comment: The Selectmen intend to move that Article 4 be acted upon prior to any action under this Article. If the Town Meeting votes to approve Article 4, a motion will be made to table any action under this article.

4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$97,000 for the purchase of the Michaud property on the Town Common for Town offices, including the cost of moving and renovations, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow said sum under the Municipal Finance Act under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and further, to authorize the Selectmen to sign all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Comments: This building will be used to provide Town office space for the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Tax Collector, the Police Department, and the Town Administrator. Rental income of the second floor of this building will offset the costs of the purchase.

(State law requires that voting on Article 4 must be by printed ballot. Borrowing money requires a two-thirds vote of approval of those present and voting.)

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

5. To see what sum the Town will appropriate to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

6. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditors, Tax Collector and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,240 for the purpose of completing the Town Highway Garage.

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for ongoing repairs to Atwell Hill Road.

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of contributing to the cost of a new ambulance for the Warren/Wentworth FAST Squad.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$50,000 for the upgrading of the Hooper Hill Road to a class 5 highway. (This article will be tabled if the Town votes to approve Article 2.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of purchasing a computer, printer and software programs for the Town Clerk.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town highways and bridges for the ensuing year (summer and winter).

13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in the Highways Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and/or road equipment.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to maintain the Police Department.

15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintenance of the Library.

16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Warren/Wentworth FAST Squad for operating expenses.

17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,767 for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT	\$ 1,650
Mt. Moosilaukee Health Center	2,500

Tri County CAP	1,000
Pemi Baker Youth Services	600
Task Force Against Domestic Violence	400
Grafton County Senior Citizens	360
American Red Cross	257

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid Association for a term of five years beginning April 1, 1998 to provide full time communications services to the Fire Department.

19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintenance of the Fire Department.

20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the maintenance of the Town transfer facility.

21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to pay for the hauling and disposing of solid waste from the Town transfer facility.

22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund towards purchasing a new fire truck.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,472 for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the maintenance of parks, including the Common, Riverside Park and Hamilton Memorial Field.

24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$505 for Town's share of the cost of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District.

25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Conservation Commission in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission.

26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring a police cruiser.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$350 for the continuance of the Baker Audio-Visual Center established by a Federal grant in 1974.

28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$900 for the Planning Board.

29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400 for the costs and expenses associated with pest and animal control.

30. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw \$4,500 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town for the purpose of purchasing a new stainless steel sander for the Highway Department, and further, to

authorize the Selectmen to sign all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of any vote under the Article.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

32. To see if the Town shall accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose without further action by the Town Meeting, provided, however, that acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall not be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

33. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Dated this _____ day of February, 1998.

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wayne E. Vlk, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Stephen G. Davis

A true copy attest:

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wayne E. Vlk, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Stephen G. Davis

RETURN

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the 1998 Annual Town Meeting described herein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other place in the Town of Wentworth, namely the _____, fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wayne E. Vlk, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Stephen G. Davis

This Warrant and Return of Posting have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Wentworth, New Hampshire, this _____ day of February, 1998.

Linda Brown, Town Clerk

WENTWORTH CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS 1998

1. Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and/or road equipment.
2. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for purchasing a new fire truck.
3. Emergency Communications Capital Reserve Fund.
4. Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1993).
5. Town Maintenance Building Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1994).
6. Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1994).
7. Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1995).
8. Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (established in 1996).
9. Town Bridge Capital Reserve (established in 1994).

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1998

The previous year has continued the pattern of improvement and growth that has been approved over the last decade. It is with pleasure that the Board summarize the accomplishments achieved this year on the Town's behalf:

- The Dufore bridge, so called, was upgraded per State requirements.
- The Atwell Hill road was improved per the Town's wishes, and will be completed in 1998.
- The Town received delivery on our new fire truck.
- The Town received delivery on our new Police Department Cruiser.
- The Board of Selectmen leased a one ton truck for use by the Highway Department. This will lower our costs.
- The new Highway Department Garage was framed and roofed.
- The tax rate was again lowered. This is the fifth year of lowered rates out of the last six fiscal years and can be largely attributed to the new assessments of both residential and commercial properties, and are the result of the continuing economic growth of the Town.

There are some negative developments to be reported as well.

- We overspent the Transfer Station operating budget because of deficiencies in facilities and practices, as well as increased use. This year's budget addresses these new realities. The residents of the Town can help to counter these costs by separating their glass and recyclables to decrease our disposal expenditures.

There are a number of initiatives represented in this year's Warrant that address the continuing requirements of the Town.

- An Article that will authorize the Board to bond the Town for the purchase of a new Town office building. As we all know, the present offices do not allow for handicapped access, and are unheated. Further, there are no adequate sanitary facilities for the Public and the Town employees.
- An Article that will provide additional monies for the completion of the Town Highway Department Garage.
- An Article that will authorize the Board to bond the Town for the replacement of the Thayer bridge. If the Town does not wish to do this, then an alternate Article will authorize the Board to finish the construction of the Hooper Hill bypass of the Thayer bridge. We are presently in violation of a bridge closure order from the State of New Hampshire.
- There is a provision to bush out roads that need it as well as sealing the newly laid asphalt.

The Board hired the services of Ed Waldron as Town Administrator this year. Ed has many years of experience in business and finance. We are fortunate to have his services.

Steve Davis resigned as Chairman of the Board this year in preparation for the ending

of his years of service to the Town. His term of office runs out on Town Meeting day. He has offered his services to the Board as an unpaid technical consultant during the transition to the new board.

In conclusion, the Board appreciates the support of the Town voters in the achievement of so many goals. Working together we have accomplished much in previous years. We have much to be proud of. We look forward to the future with the knowledge that the residents of the Town share a common vision that is buttressed with a common purpose.

Stephen G. Davis, Chairman

Wayne E. Vlk

SELECTMEN OF WENTWORTH

Roy H. Ames Jr.

TOWN OFFICERS PAID

Selectman - Chairperson	1,300.00 per year
Selectman	1,000.00 per year
Selectman	1,000.00 per year
Town Administrator	16,000 per year
Town Clerk	300.00 per year
Treasurer	750.00 per year
Moderator	100.00 per meeting
Supervisors of Checklist	5.15 per hour
Chief of Police	8.00 per hour
Ballot Clerks	5.15 per hour
Tax Collector	1,200.00 per year
Road Agent	12.00 per hour
Dog Constable	125.00 per year
Keeping Books, Town Trustees	100.00 per year

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N.H.

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations 1997	Expenses 12/31/96	Requested 1998
General Government				
Executive	F-4130	\$25,747.00	\$24,129.68	\$26,347.00
Election & Registration	F-4140	1,600.00	932.75	3,800.00
Financial Admin. Exp.	F-4150	29,180.00	24,303.34	25,000.00
Revaluation of Prop.	F-4152	2,500.00	1,522.67	5,000.00
Legal Expenses	F-4153	4,000.00	2,258.60	4,000.00
Planning Board	4191	900.00	663.67	900.00
General Government	F-4194	1,000.00	1,980.99	4,000.00
Insurance	F-4196	22,150.00	25,941.00	28,776.00
Advertising & Assoc.	F-4197	1,556.00	1,789.00	1,981.00
FICA Expense	F-4198	8,000.00	9,985.48	10,385.00
Other Government	4199	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Total Expense		\$96,633.00	\$93,507.18	\$116,189.00
Public Safety				
Police	4210	\$15,319.39	\$14,102.73	\$16,157.00
Ambulance (Fast Squad)	4215	3,000.00	4,932.39	3,000.00
Fire	4220	18,250.00	15,093.01	17,300.00
Emergency Management	4290	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense		\$36,569.39	\$34,128.13	\$36,457.00
Highways & Streets				
Highways & Streets	4312	\$100,000.00	\$144,101.21	\$110,000.00
Bridges	4313	0.00	9,896.17	0.00
Street Lighting	F-4316	3,500.00	3,145.07	3,775.00
Repaving & Reconstruction	4319	70,000.00	22,072.33	60,000.00
Total Expense		\$173,500.00	\$179,214.78	\$173,775.00
Sanitation				
Solid Waste Maintenance	4323	\$5,070.00	\$6,462.29	\$6,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	4324	16,000.00	30,916.94	30,000.00
Clean-up	4325	500.00	3,680.23	1,000.00
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Dist.	4329	100.00	0.00	505.00
Total Expense		\$21,670.00	\$41,059.46	\$37,505.00
Health				
Pest Control	4414	\$400.00	\$334.80	\$400.00
Health Agencies & Hosp.	4415	6,507.00	6,177.00	6,767.00
Total Expense		\$6,907.00	\$6,511.80	\$7,167.00

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations 1997	Expenses 12/31/97	Requested 1998
Welfare				
Direct Assistance	F-4442	\$4,000.00	\$2,670.38	\$4,000.00
Intergov. Welfare Payments	4444	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Welfare	F-4449	1,900.00	3,403.58	2,000.00
Total Expense		\$5,900.00	\$6,073.96	\$6,000.00
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation	4520	\$1,500.00	\$1,634.30	\$2,472.00
Library	4550	10,489.00	10,489.00	10,988.00
Patriotic Purposes	F-4583	200.00	50.00	100.00
Baker River Audio Visual Center	4589	350.00	350.00	350.00
Total Expense		\$12,539.00	\$12,523.30	\$13,910.00
Conservation				
Purchase of Natural Resource	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Conservation	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation Comm.	4611	500.00	125.00	200.00
Total Expense		\$500.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
Redevelopment & Housing				
	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Economic Development				
	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Service				
Prin.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	F-4711	\$83,031.25	\$37,104.85	\$30,735.00
Interest-Long Term B/N	F-4721	11,251.54	11,796.17	14,786.00
Principal on TAN	F-4722	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Interest on TAN	F-4723	1,500.00	0.00	4,875.00
Refunds	F-4790	3,500.00	3,014.66	4,000.00
Total Expense		\$99,282.79	\$51,915.68	\$129,396.00
Capital Outlay				
Land & Improvements	4901	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mach., Veh. & Equip.	4902	18,600.00	114,757.31	4,500.00
Buildings	4903	25,000.00	27,164.67	255,240.00
Improvements-Not Buildings	4909	0.00	0.00	105,00.00
Total Expense		\$43,600.00	\$141,921.98	\$364,740.00
Operating Transfers Out				
To Special Revenue Fund	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
To Capital Projects Shed	4913	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Enterprise Fund	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sewer	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electric	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations 1997	Expenses 12/31/97	Requested 1998
To Capital Reserve Funds				
8-12-21-25-30	4915	12,000.00	12,000.00	\$12,000.00
To Trust & Agency Funds	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wentworth Elem School				
School Warrant	4932	595,223.00	547,353.00	1,018,955.00
Pemi-Baker Regional School	4933	279,079.00	243,578.00	468,802.00
Total Expense		\$886,302.00	\$802,931.00	\$1,487,757.00
Total All Appropriations		\$1,383,403.18	\$1,369,912.27	\$2,373,096.00
Fixed Charges	Acct. No.	Approp. 1997	Expenses 1997	Approp. 1998
Executive	4130	\$25,747.00	\$24,129.68	\$26,347.00
Election & Registration	4140	1,600.00	932.75	3,800.00
Financial Admin. Exp.	4150	29,180.00	24,303.34	25,000.00
Revaluation of Property	4152	0.00	1,522.67	5,000.00
Legal Expenses	4153	4,000.00	2,258.60	4,000.00
General Government	4194	1,000.00	1,980.99	4,000.00
Insurance	4196	22,150.00	25,941.00	28,776.00
Advertising & Assoc.	4197	1,556.00	1,789.00	1,981.00
FICA Expense	4198	8,000.00	9,985.48	10,385.00
Street Lighting	4136	3,500.00	3,145.07	3,775.00
Welfare	4442/4449	5,900.00	6,073.96	6,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	4583	200.00	50.00	100.00
Prin.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4711	83,031.25	37,104.85	30,735.00
Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4721	11,251.54	11,796.17	14,786.00
Prin. on TAN	4722	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Int. on TAN	4723	1,500.00	0.00	4,875.00
Refunds	4790	3,500.00	3,014.66	4,000.00
Total		\$202,115.79	\$154,028.22	\$248,560.00
			\$48,087.57	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	Acres	1997 Assessed Valuation	Totals
Value of Land Only			
Current Use	15,734.84	913,388	
Residential	15,672.35	20,040,880	
Commercial/Industrial	63.44	497,160	
Total of Taxable Land			21,451,428
Value of Buildings Only			
Residential		24,986,126	
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		678,567	
Commercial/Industrial		2,248,950	
Total of Taxable Buildings			27,913,643
Public Utilities			
Electric	53.72		<u>7,828,252</u>
Valuation Before Exemptions			57,193,323
Blind Exemption		3 - 45,000	
Elderly Exemption		26 - 300,000	
			<u>345,000</u>
Net Valuation On Which The Tax Rate Is Computed			57,538,323
Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Estimated Tax Credits
Other War Service Credits	\$50/\$100/\$700	56	4,300
Utility Summary (Electric)			
New England Hydro Trns			6,223,542
New England Power			364,895
N.H. Electric Coop			<u>1,239,815</u>
Total			7,828,252
Elderly Exemption Count			
Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption 1997			
12 at \$5,000		\$ 60,000	
4 at 10,000		40,000	
10 at 20,000		200,000	
			300,000

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Section A	Section B	Totals of Sections A & B
	Applicants Granted In Prior Years	New Applicants Granted For Current Year	
	No. of Acres	No. of Acres	No. of Acres
Farm Land	260.91	(5.90)	255.01
Forest Land	2,591.63	5.00	2,596.63
Unproductive Land	12,497.80	102.50	12,600.30
Wet Land	282.30	(5.50)	276.80
Gravel Pit		6.10	<u>6.10</u>
Total Number of Acres Exempt under Current Use			15,734.84
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use			- 11.40

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
Concord, N.H. 03302-1122
1997 Tax Rate Calculation

Tax
Rates

Town/City of: WENTWORTH

Appropriations	502,801	
Less: Revenues	416,031	
Less: Shared Revenues	3,460	
Add: Overlay	5,467	
War Service Credits	<u>4,050</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	92,827	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	92,827	
Municipal Tax Rate		1.61
-- School Portion --		
Due to Local School	468,802	
Due to Regional School	264,573	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>7,201</u>	
Net School Appropriation	726,174	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	726,174	
School(s) Tax Rate		12.62
-- County Portion --		
Due to County	75,143	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>573</u>	
Net County Appropriation	74,570	
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	74,570	
County Tax Rate		<u>1.30</u>
Combined Tax Rate		15.53

-- Commitment Analysis --

Total Property Taxes Assessed	893,571
Less: War Service Credits	(4,050)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0</u>
 Total Property Tax Commitment	 <u>889,521</u>

-- Proof of Rate --

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
57,538,323	15.53	893,571

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Receipts:

Vehicle Registrations	\$64,470.00
Certified Title Applications	280.00
Dog Licenses	1,129.50
Filing Fees	<u>8.00</u>
 Total	 \$65,887.50

Payments:

Paid to the Town Treasurer	\$65,887.50
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Marriages	3
Births	6
Deaths	5

Submitted by:
Linda Brown
Town Clerk of Wentworth, N.H.

BIRTHS - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER AND MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
May 21, 1997	Katelyn Elizabeth Heath	Jason Michael Heath Lisa Minickiello
May 28, 1997	Makayla Elyse MacDonald	Jason Michael MacDonald Sherrie Lynn Conrad
July 10, 1997	Tyler John Sackett	William Peter Sackett Billie Jo Boutin
September 5, 1997	Christopher John Comeau	Aaron Wayne Comeau Angela Rebecca Kenneson
September 22, 1997	Madison Grace Frances Madore	Anthony Allen Madore Karyn Gladys Dudley
October 22, 1997	Flora Gillian Carole Cullen	Daniel Cotta Cullen Louise Alison Little

DEATHS - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1997

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
May 11, 1997	Marion Elizabeth Emery	68
May 16, 1997	Ruth Smith Gilbert	59
June 5, 1997	Olive Belyea Bates	95
June 9, 1997	Lorraine Louise Gove	67
November 14, 1997	Terry Lee Goodspeed	37

MARRIAGES - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1996

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
June 28, 1997	Scott David Richardson Susan Beth Anthony	Wentworth, N.H.
July 27, 1997	Carl Phillip Johnson Laurie Jean Ross	Tilton, N.H.
December 27, 1997	Willard Baker Mona Clifford	Wentworth, N.H.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description:

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 168,000
Furniture & equipment	12,600
Libraries, lands and building	157,500
Furniture and equipment	31,500
Historical Building	52,500
Contents	1,339
Police Department and equipment	28,600
Fire Department, land, building and contents	115,500
Major Equipment	252,000
Highway Department, equipment	104,600
Parks, common and playground	8,500
School, land and buildings, equipment	672,000
All other property and equipment	
George E. Plummer Forest Reserve	5,940
Hobart M. VanDeusen Memorial Land	<u>2,100</u>
	\$ 1,612,679

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

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	1997	1996	1995 & prior
Uncollected Taxes		128,707.75	(501.70)
Property Taxes		120.00	
Resident Taxes		1,100.00	
Yield Taxes	1,277.33		

Taxes Committed To Collector

Property Taxes	892,087.06
Land Use Change	4,383.80
Yield Taxes	18,406.50

Overpayments

Property Taxes	
Yield Taxes	

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property, Yield & Current Use Taxes	733.32	8,421.05	403.59
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Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes

Total Debits	915,610.68	138,406.13	1,121.89
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Remittances to Treasurer

During Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	752,958.07	127,493.86
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change	4,383.80	
Yield Taxes	13,412.88	1,293.83
Interest Collected During Year	733.32	8,421.05
Penalties on Resident Taxes		403.59

Abatements Made During Year

Property Taxes	1,443.57	198.82
Resident Taxes		
Yield Taxes	116.97	
Refunds		(745.60)

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	137,685.42	1,744.17	(500.05)
Resident Taxes			
Yield Tax	4,876.65		
Total Credits	915,610.68	138,406.13	1,121.89

	1996	1995	1994 & prior
DR.			
Unredeemed Liens Beg. Fiscal Year		53,091.71	29,132.39
Liens Executed Fiscal Year	65,194.00		
Interest & Costs after Lien Execution	1,728.34	5,394.51	10,168.78
TOTAL DEBITS	66,922.34	58,486.22	39,301.17
 CR.			
Remittance to Treasurer	18,820.95	27,628.75	29,897.30
Interest & Costs after Lien Execution	1,728.34	5,394.51	10,168.78
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	494.13	600.62	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	45,878.92	24,862.34	(764.91)
TOTAL CREDITS	66,922.34	58,486.22	39,301.17

Respectfully Submitted,

Juanita Farnsworth
Tax Collector

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
TREASURER'S REPORT 1997**

SELECTMEN REVENUES

Checklist Copies	\$ 12.00
Current Use Fees	2,363.00
Dump Fees	2,370.00
Fire Truck Purchase	7,000.00
Junk Yard Permits	70.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,349.48
Pemi National Bank Loan-Fire Truck	65,085.00
Pemi National Bank TAN Loan	75,000.00
Photocopies	48.00
Pistol Permit Fees	80.00
Planning Board Fees	472.00
Police Report Fee	45.95
Purchase - Old Police Cruiser	159.59
Refund - Internal Revenue Service	521.83
Refund - Insurances	1,513.00
Refund - Overpayments	2,369.97
Refund - Recycling	55.54
Returned Checks/Bank Fees	(1,301.93)
TOTALS	\$ 160,213.43

TOWN CLERK REVENUES

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 64,470.00
CTA's	280.00
Dog Licenses	1,129.50
Filing Fees	8.00
TOTALS	\$ 65,887.50

TOWN TRUSTEES REVENUES

Capital Reserve Fund - Bridges	\$ 9,896.17
Capital Reserve Fund - Maint. Bldg	12,046.88
Capital Reserve Fund - Police Cruiser	8,600.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Correction	3,100.00
TOTALS	\$ 33,643.05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE/US GOVERNMENT REVENUES

FEMA	\$ 21,265.00
Forest Mang-US Government	2,776.00
Highway Block Grants	40,286.30
Revenue Share	18,229.43
Rooms and Meals	7,485.69
Supplemental	3,377.68
TOTALS	\$ 93,420.10

TAX COLLECTOR REVENUES

1993 Redemptions	\$ 546.29
1993 Redemptions Interest of Sale	224.95
1994 Redemptions	32,139.46
1994 Redemptions Interest of Sale	9,433.83
1994 Tax Lien Costs	510.00
1995 Current Use Change Tax	1,100.00
1995 Current Use Chane Tax Interest	403.59
1995 Redemptions	27,628.75
1995 Redemptions Interest of Sale	5,346.01
1995 Tax Lien Costs	48.50
1996 Credit Memo	(1,024.02)
1996 Property Tax	68,400.58
1996 Property Tax Interest	3,637.46
1996 Redemptions	19,197.82
1996 Redemptions Interest of Sale	1,851.47
1996 Tax Lien Executed	65,194.00
1996 Tax Lien Costs	443.00
1996 Yield Taxs	1,794.77
1996 Yield Taxs Interest	92.98
1997 Property Taxes	752,765.78
1997 Property Taxes Interest	733.32
1997 Current Use Change Tax	4,383.80
1997 Yield Taxes	13,412.88
TOTALS	\$ 1,008,265.22

Total Deposits 1997 \$ 1,361,429.30

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1997 \$ 275,833.23
Wire Transfers from NH Dep. Invest. Pool 497,500.00
Less Selectmen Orders 1997 (\$1,886,018.23)

EOY PEMI BANK CHECKING BALANCE 12/97 \$ 248,744.30

Payroll Account Pemi Bank Deposits \$ 43,076.00
Payroll Expenses (43,004.95)
Bank Service Charges (14.78)
EOY BALANCE 12/97 \$ 56.27

NH Deposit Invest Pool
Beg. Bal. Jan 1997 \$ 95,881.73
Deposits 399,794.28
Withdrawals (497,500.00)
Interest 4,637.00
\$ 2,813.01

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS \$ 251,613.58

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
PLANNING BOARD ESCROW ACCOUNT**

John King, Sr. - Gravel Account #1727478

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1997	\$ 6,503.48
Interest for 1997	<u>168.84</u>
Ending Balance - December 31, 1997	\$ 6,672.32

TOWN OF WENTWORTH HOUSING PROGRAM
Account #1730597

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1997	\$ 18,179.29
Income	951.85
Interest	485.59
Expenses	<u>(\$52.10)</u>
Ending Balance - December 31, 1997	\$ 19,564.63

TOWN OF WENTWORTH ROAD ACCOUNT

Pemi National Bank - Account #2481463

Beg Balance 1/1/96	\$ 101.04
Interest	<u>1.91</u>
Ending Balance 7/25/96	\$ 102.95

Closed out account and transferred to
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool - Road Account
#NH-01-0250-0001

Beginning Balance - 1/1/97	\$ 23,956.56
Interest	837.72
Transfer to General Fund 9/97	<u>(\$ 24,794.28)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/97	\$ 0.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXPENDITURES	TOTALS
Roy Ames Jr	\$ 1,125.00
Linda Brown	1,939.50
Janice Comeau	228.00
Stephen Davis	1,660.50
Dennis Mahoney	1,294.80
Juanita Farnsworth	3,184.00
Raymond Hutchins	228.00
Eleanor Murray	100.00
Loretta Muzzey	381.63
Kae Page	18.00
Deborah Vlk	3,742.25
Wayne Vlk	1,000.00
Edward Waldron	9,228.00
4130 - EXECUTIVE	\$ 24,129.68
Harold Brown	\$84.50
Linda Brown	84.00
Steven Calderwood	35.00
Donald Campbell	74.75
Peter Chierichetti	84.00
Patricia Dupuis	78.00
Jeff Emery	78.00
Juanita Farnsworth	78.00
Lorraine Gove	78.00
Virginia Gove	78.00
Arthur Morrison	135.00
Lee Morrison	45.50
4140 - ELECTION-REGISTRATION	\$ 932.75
AT&T	\$ 71.95
Linda Brown	647.00
Business Mng. Sys.	3,128.15
Donald Campbell	24.00
Cartographics Inc.	2,450.00
Comp Funds of NH	302.52
CPI	95.05
Current Use	2,350.00
DCS	543.06
Dept of Agriculture	415.20
Juanita Farnsworth	76.00
Kelley's Flowers	50.00
MacDurgin Inc.	650.00
Michie Inc.	383.88
Mileage	777.52

Natl Market Report	230.00
NH Electric Coop	577.70
NH Municipal Assoc	1,115.00
NYNEX	1,373.65
Office Stuff Supplies	213.96
Kae Page	6.00
PASS Inc	172.94
Postage	1,788.83
Registrar Of Deeds	341.96
Sherwin Dodge Inc.	1,908.00
State of New Hampshire	163.00
State of NH-Unemployment Comp	10.00
Stark Machining	80.10
Supplies/Equipment	1,847.34
Subscriptions	513.75
Taxing Matters	130.00
Valley News	9.42
Viking Office	775.99
White Mtn Publ	181.30
Zerox	465.00
Workshops	435.07
4150-FIN ADMIN EXPENDITURES	\$ 24,303.34
Frank Bodwell	\$ 506.25
Ernest Vlk	1,016.42
4152-REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 1,522.67
Gardner & Fulton	\$ 2,258.60
4153-LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 2,258.60
Clifford Nicol	\$ 62.00
Michie Inc.	55.65
North Country Council	171.00
Postage	178.02
White Mtn Publ	197.00
4191-PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 663.67
National Propane Co.	\$ 1,980.99
4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,980.99
Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$ 9,092.00
Noyes Insurance Co	16,849.00
4196-INSURANCES	\$25,941.00
NE Assoc of City & Town Clerks	\$ 25.00
NH Health Officers Assoc	10.00
NH Tax Collectors Assoc	35.00
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc	88.00

NH Government Financial Assoc	25.00
NH Assoc of Assessing Officials	20.00
North Country Council	1,556.00
NH Municipal Assoc	30.00
4197 - ADVERTISING & ASSOC	\$ 1,789.00
4198 - FICA EXPENSE	\$ 10,453.87
Aaron Comeau	\$ 32.00
Anton's Inc.	127.49
Ben's Uniforms	180.00
Stephen Calderwood	1,528.00
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept	1,919.75
Harley's Cycles	1,255.00
Steven Hilbrunner	360.00
IACP Assoc.	200.00
Arthur Kindell	60.00
Little River Gun Shop	78.00
Meredith Form	33.11
MobileComm	110.17
Michie Inc.	90.84
NH Assoc. of Cert Police	75.00
NYNEX	864.06
Oliver Camera	14.46
Ossipee Mtn Supply	1,286.42
Palmision	411.50
Peter Chierichetti	2,012.00
Plymouth Court Juridictional Assoc	2,056.06
Postage	32.00
Roy's Auto	10.00
Randy Avery	160.00
Sanborn Repair	16.50
Signature Signs	75.00
State of NH	451.30
Supplies	129.56
True Colors	127.45
Viking Office Products	136.74
Wilson Tire	270.32
4210 - POLICE	\$ 14,102.73

Warren Wentworth Fast Squad	\$ 4,932.39
4125 - AMBULANCE (FAST SQUAD)	\$ 4,932.39

Ames Roy	\$ 120.90
AT&T	55.00
Burning Bush	331.61
C&S Specialities Inc.	364.00
Davis Gas	886.75

Fire Engine Mag	56.95
Firemen Pay	1,100.00
GALL'S	651.91
James Cormier	21.00
Lakes Region	3,643.57
Lakes Reg Fire Apparatus	143.70
LB Electric	253.50
Memphis Co.	1,153.25
Mileage	28.80
NH Electric Coop	734.56
NH State Firemen's Assoc	88.00
NH Retirement Assoc	66.00
NYNEX	402.57
Ossipee Mtn	16.39
P W NOYES	726.80
Plymouth Call Dept	100.00
Rands Hardware	172.69
Roy's Auto	1,428.86
Ryezak Oil Co	1,068.04
Shawnees	210.92
Southern Public Safety	380.96
State of NH	144.40
Steenbeke's	197.50
Supplies	379.43
Training	137.55
Tri-State Firemen's Assoc	27.40
4220 - FIRE DEPT	\$ 15,093.01

4290 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT \$ 0.00

Richard Blodgett	\$ 23,890.68
Richard Blodgett - Truck	8,520.00
Richard Blodgett - 1 Ton	13,590.00
Richard Blodgett - Dozer	720.00
Scott Blodgett	357.00
Bixby Crushing	7,188.00
Bixby Elec	9,100.00
Borger Neil	50.00
Borger Sr Richard	1,005.00
Boyce Lyman	420.00
Burning Bush	7,447.35
Cargill Salt	875.56
Carriero David	5,762.25
CAT	9,152.00
Davis Gas Co	100.00
Debow Wildlife	700.00
Denny's Towing	200.00
EW Sleeper	874.37

Ford Truck	107.99
Gowen Excavating	2,195.00
Granite Manufacturing	732.90
Kevin Kay	560.00
Kibby Equipment	368.80
Corey Laauwe	17,959.38
Latullippe Inc.	1,422.50
Leslie Wright	6,168.00
MobileComm	87.50
Moglia Andy	1,119.00
Mt Carr Pines	50.00
NH Municipal Truck Co	4,178.90
NH Electric Coop	247.47
North Country Equip	102.69
Northern State Tire	660.00
NH Ford Credit	10,584.61
Pike Industries	4,739.94
Priestly Russ	250.00
Roy's Auto	44.35
Sanborn Repair	1,819.72
Shawnees	501.58
Small Engine	43.35
Southworth-Milton Inc	1,802.62
State of NH	4,077.11
Steenbeke's	9.80
The Rental Center	418.00
Vlk Ernest	730.00
Wentworth Elem School	100.00
Whitcher's Mill	2,100.00
Wilson Tire	817.76
Yeaton Inc.	46.20
TRANSFER TO ACCT 4313 BRIDGES 4312 - HIGHWAY & STREETS	(9,896.17)
	\$ 144,101.21

Transfer from Act 4312 4313 - BRIDGES	\$ 9,896.17
	\$ 9,896.17

NH Electric Coop 4316 - STREET LIGHTING	\$ 3,145.07
	\$ 3,145.07

Bixby Crushing	\$ 525.00
Richard Blodgett	761.50
Richard Blodgett 1-Ton	690.00
Richard Blodgett Dump Truck	490.00
Gerald Blodgett	315.00
David Craviero	501.50
Corey Laauwe	612.00
NH Bituminous	16,248.75

Red Hed Supply	1,886.00
Shawnees	42.58
4319 - REPAVING	\$ 22,072.33
 Burning Bush	\$ 225.45
George Whitneck	5,399.88
St of NH	85.00
Richard Blodgett	218.50
Corey Laauwe	195.50
N R R A	43.43
NH Electric Coop	23.15
Rogers Co	207.16
Workshop	64.22
4323 - SOLID WASTE MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,462.29
 BFI	\$ 29,231.94
Foster Products	230.00
Jewell Res	114.87
LB Electric	384.05
NH Electric Coop	477.08
Persons Concrete	324.00
TI Waste Management	155.00
4324 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 30,916.94
 ABC Manufacturing	\$ 136.23
Richard Blodgett	462.00
Corey Laauwe	140.00
David Craviero	68.00
CleanHarbor	2,874.00
4325 - SOLID WASTE CLEAN-UP	\$ 3,680.23
 4329 - PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DI	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00
 NH Humane Society	\$ 300.00
State of NH	34.80
4414 - PEST CONTROL	\$ 334.80
 Grafton Senior Citizen	\$ 377.00
Mt Mooselauke Health Ctr	2,500.00
Nurse Alliance	1,650.00
Tri County	850.00
Pemi Baker Youth Services	800.00
4415 - HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITAL ARTICLES	\$ 6,177.00
 4442 - DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$ 2,670.38
 4449 - OTHER WELFARE	\$ 3,403.58
 Blodgett Scott	\$ 358.22

Burning Bush	35.25	
K & R Toilets	1,040.00	
Shawnee's Store	20.83	
Wentworth Park & Rec	128.00	
Wentworth Post Office	12.00	
Gilman's Outdoor Equip.	40.00	
4520 - PARKS & RECREATION		\$ 1,634.30
4550 - LIBRARY	\$ 10,489.00	\$ 10,489.00
4583 - PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Baker Valley Audio Visual	\$ 350.00	
4589 - OTHER		\$ 350.00
4611 - CONSERVATION COMM.	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Pemi National Bank	\$37,104.85	
4711 - LOANS PRINCIPAL		\$ 37,104.85
Pemi National Bank	\$ 11,796.17	
4721 - LOANS INTEREST		\$ 11,796.17
4723 - INTEREST ON TAN	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Rebates	\$ 3,014.66	
4790 - REFUND		\$ 3,014.66
4901 - LAND & IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CS Fire Ap	\$ 91,085.00	
Police Cruiser	23,672.31	
4902 - MACHINE, VEHICLE & EQUIP		\$ 114,757.31
Corey Laauwe	\$ 144.00	
David Cavierrio	204.00	
Richard Blodgett	1,758.00	
Dave Williams Construction	25,058.67	
4903 - BUILDINGS		\$ 27,164.67
4915 - TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Town of Wentworth	\$ 65,194.00	
4917 - PREVIOUS YEAR TAX LIEN		\$ 65,194.00
4931 - GRAFTON COUNTY	\$ 75,143.00	\$ 75,143.00
4932 - WENTWORTH ELEM SCHOOL	\$ 547,353.00	\$ 547,353.00

4933 - PEMI BAKER SCHL DIST

\$ 243,578.00 \$ 243,478.00

NH Deposit Investment Pool Transfer

\$ 375,000.00 \$ 375,000.00

Pemi Bank Charges/Fees

300.57 300.57

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

\$ 1,886,018.23 \$ 1,886,018.23

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
Plummer Memorial Trust Fund 1997

Donor: George F. Plummer

Purpose: Income to be divided into four equal shares: one share to be paid toward the care and upkeep of each of the three cemeteries in Wentworth; the fourth remaining part to be used for the support and benefit of the Webster Memorial Library.

Original Principal: \$ 16,200.

Original No. Shares		Original Cost	Income
750	Puritan Fund	\$ 4,905.70	\$ 1,841.95
933	Putnam Income Fund	9,655.17	289.68
460	Keystone K-1	4,922.00	249.48
970	Keystone B-4	10,369.30	330.47
100	American Home Products	2,887.16	664.00
100	American Tel & Tel	6,400.27	132.00
254	GTE Corporation	4,356.10	477.52
210	Bell South	8,396.19	725.76
10	Bell Atlantic		172.24
10	Ameritech		135.60
10	NYNEX (now Bell Atlantic)		93.90
10	Pacific Telesis (now SBC)		25.70
10	SBC		106.35
10	U.S. West		85.60
32	Lucent Technologies		9.60
	N.H. MBIA NHPDIP	43,407.66	<u>2,032.77</u>
Adjusted for distribution			\$ 7,372.62
			<u>+ .50</u>
			<u>\$ 7,373.12</u>

Distribution of Income

Village Cemetery	\$ 1,843.28
Foster Cemetery	1,843.28
Eastside Cemetery	1,843.28
Webster Memorial Library	<u>1,843.28</u>
	<u>\$ 7,373.12</u>

COMMON TRUST FUND 1997

N.H. MBIA & New England Electric

	Balance 12/31/97: \$ 6,871.90	Income: \$ 483.36	Expenditure: \$ 483.36	
	Principal	%	Income	Expenditure
Village Cemetery	\$ 3,275.00	52.34	\$ 252.99	\$ 252.99
Foster Cemetery	1,150.00	18.39	88.88	88.88
Eastside Cemetery	375.00	6.00	29.00	29.00
Wentworth Elem. School (Peters' Fund)	1,000.00	15.97	77.20	77.20
Webster Memorial Library (Pillsbury Fund)	<u>457.50</u>	<u>7.30</u>	<u>35.29</u>	<u>35.29</u>
	6,257.50	100.00	483.36	483.36

OTHER FUNDS

	Balance 12/31/97	Income	Expenditures
Harry M. Turner Memorial Fund	\$ 3,679.93	\$ 348.43	\$
Free Bed in Speare Mem. Hospital			
Capital Reserve Highway Equipment N.H. MBIA	11,980.46	507.13	
Capital Reserve Bridge N.H. MBIA	21,660.00	1,544.49	9,896.17
Capital Reserve Fire Truck N.H. MBIA	12,053.58	363.61	
Capital Reserve Police Cruiser N.H. MBIA	2,271.89	241.06	8,600.00
Capital Reserve Emergency Communication N.H. MBIA	4,919.44	440.71	4,150.21
Capital Reserve Storage Tank Wentworth N.H. MBIA	11,225.91	567.07	
Capital Reserve Town Maintenance Bldg. N.H. MBIA	1.71	548.01	12,046.88
Capital Reserve Landfill Closure N.H. MBIA	8,671.34	339.89	
Capital Reserve Reappraisal N.H. MBIA	16,632.95	840.48	
Capital Reserve Ambulance N.H. MBIA	2,056.35	56.35	
Town Celebration Fund MFA Pemigewasset National Bank	841.74	17.15	

WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

This year has seen many changes in the Fire Dept. We're proud to announce the arrival of the town's new fire truck. Hopefully on Market Day everyone took the opportunity to look it over. We're hopeful it will aid the department on those big fires, or just being able to reach you easier on those snowy/icy nights, being all wheel drive.

The department also has been working with Warren Fire Dept. and the Ambulance service in changing our dispatch service from Glencliff Nursing Home to Lakes Region Mutual Aid Association. This change offers a variety of benefits to everyone involved, including you. The Association offers 24 hour professional dispatching with complete road listings of the town in their computer, with current and past names of your road, which will help not only the Fire Department in locating your road/house but also the Ambulance Service. With joining Lakes Region it also offers the town equipment/personnel from any or all of the towns in the association with just one call. The town joins the Association, not the Department. In November the department's efforts were finally realized after about two years of work.

There is an article this year to join Lakes Region Mutual Aid for five years. We encourage the passing of this article.

The 911 phone service is plugging along with final road listings expected any time. Hopefully the new street signs will be up sometime this summer. At this time everyone should have a 911 sticker on their phone and using that number for your emergency needs.

We thank you for your support. Any person interested in joining the Fire Service or Ambulance contact a member for needed information.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul Davis, Jr.
Secretary, Treasurer WVFD**

**WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1998 Budget**

Electricity	\$750
Telephone	400
Fuel oil	1,500
Building Maintenance	750
Training	1,000
Communications	4,500
Supplies	1,000
Equipment Maintenance	2,400
New equipment	2,400
Truck operating expenses	1,000
Plowing	500
Incentive pay	<u>1,100</u>
TOTAL	\$17,300

**WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997 INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY**

DATE	LOCATION/UNITS/TYPE OF CALL
01/11	KFI; 42M1; hazardous condition
10/23	Rumney; 42M1; mutual aid
01/25	Rte. 25; 42M2; MVA
01/26	Rick Bragdon; 42M2; chimney fire
01/29	Warren; 42M1; standby/chimney fire
02/10	Warren; 42M1; 42T1; structure fire
02/18	Grace Fraser; 42M2; hazardous condition
03/03	Warren; 42M1; 42T1; structure fire
03/31	Rte. 25; 42M2; MVA
04/02	Rowentown Rd.; 42M2; hazardous condition
04/08	Arnold Scheller; 42M1, 42M2, 42T1; structure fire
04/14	Elliot res.; 42M2; hazardous condition
04/22	Billy Gove; 42M2; chimney fire
04/25	Warren; 42M1, 42T1; forest fire
04/26	Susan Wall; 42M1, 42M2, 42T1; forest fire
05/24	KFI field; 42M1, 42T1; hazardous condition
05/25	Warren; 42M2; grass fire
06/09	Warren; 42M2; MVA
07/08	Marsh res.; Capt/pvt vehicle; assist ambulance
07/15	Wentworth Elementary School; 42M2; false
07/22	Warren; 42M1; kitchen fire
08/24	Warren; 42M2; MVA
08/24	Warren, 42M1, 42T1; structure fire
09/20	Havalock res.; 42M1, 42M2; hazardous condition
10/01	Rumney; 42M1; structure fire
10/08	Rowentown Rd.; 42M2; MVA
10/12	Warren; 42M1; grass fire
10/29	Campton; 42M1; structure fire
11/01	Warren; 42M2; hazardous condition
11/14	Precision Lumber Co.; 42M2; hazardous condition
11/19	Warren; 42M2; MVA fire
11/21	Warren; 42M1, 42T1; structure fire
11/22	Glencliff; 42M2, MVA
12/10	Atwell Hill Rd.; 42M2; skidder fire
12/10	Richard Downing Sr.; 42M1, 42T1; structure fire
12/19	Warren; 42M1; chimney fire

1997 WENTWORTH POLICE REPORT

In review of 1997, the Wentworth Police Department saw a significant increase in activity of calls for service to aid and assist the residents of the town.

The most significant increase of police response was to motor vehicle accidents. The majority of these accidents were results of speeding or not obeying traffic laws. It is proven that increased presence will help reduce the number of accidents.

The second most significant increase was 911 abandoned calls. If a caller accidentally dials 911, they usually hang up when the 911 operator answers. When the caller is called back by 911 with no answer or a busy signal, police response is then necessary. It is strongly recommended that if you do "misdial," please stay on the line and tell the emergency operator what had happened.

We are proud to have purchased a new police vehicle this year. It is the first brand new police vehicle that this town has ever had. We received several donations from other police departments of surplus equipment to properly outfit this vehicle and department. For this we are extremely grateful. We have some older emergency equipment that we hope to upgrade this year with several small purchases.

We are fortunate to have a diversified staff of officers, with skills and experience from serving with other public safety agencies. This helps at many emergency situations where sufficient manpower is not available.

1997 was a sad year for Law enforcement in New Hampshire with the tragic loss of three fellow officers. It has raised the question of our vulnerability to this type of incident. We have taken some measures and will continue to receive training in dealing with these concerns.

At the beginning of 1997, we assumed the responsibility of working with the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications (911) in getting the Enhanced 911 system implemented and on-line. Part of this is mapping and establishing names for roads that, for several years, were considered driveways. The project continues forward at a slow pace, but we hope to see more results in the coming year.

Wentworth is a strong community built on pride and hard work. As the town is advancing toward the next century, more people are coming to expect the services of larger communities. We will continue to try and meet those needs at a minimal cost to you, the taxpayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. P. Chierichetti
Chief of Police

**WENTWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
1997 EXPENDITURES**

Labor & Wages	\$ 4,143.34
Fuel	273.77
Cruiser: Services & Equipment	1,840.90
Communications	2,802.33
Prosecutor	2,056.06
Support Services	294.46
Training, Publications & Office Supplies	601.13
Firearms & Equipment	1,333.00
Uniforms & Equipment Supplies	718.99
TOTAL	\$ 14,063.98

**WENTWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT
1998 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Labor & Wages	\$ 6,485.00
Fuel	476.00
Cruiser: Repairs & Equipment	1,850.00
Communications	2,800.00
Prosecutor	2,256.00
Support Services	855.00
Ammunition, Publications & Office Supplies	750.00
Equipment & Uniform Supplies	685.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ 16,157.00

1997 WENTWORTH CALLS FOR SERVICE HANDLED BY THE WENTWORTH POLICE

Abduction	1
Animal complaint	10
Assist Public Works	2
Burglary	4
Civil Standby	3
Criminal Mischief	6
Criminal Threatening	1
Criminal Trespassing	1
Disturbance	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic Disturbance	6
False Alarm Activations	8
Fire Dept. Assist	3
Fraud	1
Harassment	2
House Checks	8
Medical Assist	10
Missing Person	6
Mutual Aid	13
Noise Complaint	3
OHRV Accident	1
OHRV Complaint	1
Plane Crash	1
Police Service	22
Public Assist	27
Shots Fired	2
Simple Assault	1
Suspicious Activity	3
Theft	5
Untimely Death	1
911 Abandoned Calls	12
TOTAL NUMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE	165
 (Motor Vehicle Related)	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	18
Motor Vehicle Assist	22
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Motor Vehicle Defective Equipment	12
Motor Vehicle Summons Issued	23
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2
Motor Vehicle Unlocks	2
Motor Vehicle Warnings Issued	105
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	3
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	190

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

December 31, 1997

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The Librarian is Donna Herlihy and the Assistant Librarian is Nance Masterson.

Our collection includes both fiction and non-fiction materials for all ages and interests. If you can't find what you are looking for in our collection, we can usually borrow it for you from another New Hampshire library. We have videos, audio cassettes, CD's, records, audio books, large print books, games, puzzles, puppets, and a map collection. We have a wide variety of magazines and two newspapers. There is also a television with cable, a VCR, and a copier for public use.

The library receives many very generous donations of materials from area residents. This helps stretch our budget tremendously and we would again like to express our thanks to these donors for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

We are very fortunate here in Wentworth to have a group of very enthusiastic library volunteers, from elementary age, through junior and senior high school and adults. They collectively put in many hours this year helping with the book sale on Market Day, processing books, filing cards, and helping present programs to the public. We really appreciate their help and look forward to working together in the future.

During 1997, 3,035 visits were made to the library and 7,025 items were circulated. These included 2,847 items from our general collection, 2,240 from our children's collection, and 1,938 audio-visual materials. We borrowed 243 items from other libraries and lent out 67.

We added 1,018 new items to our collection in 1997. These included 565 to our general collection, 321 to our children's collection, and 132 audio-visual materials. 762 items were purchased from town appropriations and 256 were gifts.

Our collection currently contains the following:

General collection fiction	4,764
General collection non-fiction	6,439
Children's fiction	2,137
Children's non-fiction	1,867
Audio-Visual Materials	932
Magazines	53
Newspapers	2

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Herlihy, Librarian

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Library Treasurer's Report
1997

	Adopted Budget <u>1997</u>	Actual <u>1997</u>	Proposed Budget <u>1998</u>
Balance on Hand Checkbook - January 1	\$ 661	\$ 661.03	\$ 1,493
Balance on Hand Petty Cash - January 1	<u>25</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Balance on Hand Forward	<u>\$ 686</u>	<u>\$ 686.03</u>	<u>\$ 1,518</u>

Receipts:

Town Appropriations	\$ 10,489	\$ 10,489.00	\$ 10,988
Plummer Trust Funds Earnings	1,675	1,843.28	1,700
Common Trust Funds Earnings	35	35.29	35
Photocopier User Fees	100	103.75	100
Book Sales & Fines	50	96.95	100
Plummer Town History Reprint Book Sales	0	92.76	0
Contribution For Scholarship Awards	50	50.00	50
Contributions For Windows	0	150.00	0
Funds Transferred From Savings For Paving	0	1,200.00	0
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 12,399</u>	<u>\$ 14,061.03</u>	<u>\$ 12,973</u>
Total Balance Forward and Receipts	<u>\$ 13,085</u>	<u>\$ 14,747.06</u>	<u>\$ 14,491</u>

Expenditures:

Librarian Salaries - Gross	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,680.62	\$ 5,980
Janitorial Salaries - Gross	500	332.80	416
Taxes - Social Security and Medicare	425	383.51	495
Taxes - N.H. Unemployment (CFNH)	0	76.90	100
Fuel Oil	1,400	1,461.00	1,500
Telephone	400	376.58	400
Electricity	500	3406.75	500
Books, Periodicals & Audio Visual Materials	3,000	3,000.65	3,000
Postage	65	71.28	100
Equipment & Supplies	450	502.57	900
Maintenance & Repairs	550	236.90	500
Dues & Expenses	45	45.00	50
Plummer Town History Reprints	0	87.75	0
Paving	0	1,200.00	0
Miscellaneous	750	217.10	550
Transfer Window Contribution to Savings	<u>0</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 13,085</u>	<u>\$ 13,229.41</u>	<u>\$ 14,491</u>

FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR 1998:

Total Proposed Budget Expenditures During 1998	\$ 14,491
LESS Total Balance of Funds Forward January 1, 1998	1,518
LESS Anticipated Funds To Be Received Other Than Appropriations	1,985
Balance of Funds Required From Town Appropriations	\$ 10,988

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CONTRIBUTED FUNDS)
1997

Balance Forward - January 1, 1997	\$ 11,562.64
Transferred to Check Account - Paving	- 1,200.00
Transferred from Checking Account - Contribution	+ 150.00
Deposits of Contributions (Direct Deposits)	+ 3,000.00
Interest Earned & Posted to 11/30/97	<u>+ 331.24</u>
 Balance Forward - 12/31/97	 \$ 13,843.88

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Masterson, Treasurer
Webster Memorial Library

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Library Trustees Report
1997

The past year was a relatively quiet one for the Trustees with no matters of an emergency nature to consider and consequently we had fewer Trustee meetings than normal. The daily routine affairs of the library were efficiently attended to by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

The project for repair or replacement of the leaded paned windows of the library that has been pending for the past two years was finally placed on our agenda this year. We are now in the process of reaching an agreement with Mr. Gregory Gorman of "The Studio" in Lyme Center for new reproductions of leaded windows along the front of the library (facing the common) with a few painted memorial medallions to be designed and located in appropriate panes. It is our plan that such painted medallions will memorialize the long term librarians of the past. Funding of this project will be from our contribution funds received from Thelma (Gove) Jordan and her former employer The Readers Digest Foundation together with individual contributions already received or to be received specifically for this project. Following the completion of the reproduction of the leaded paned windows along the front of the library we shall be better able to reach a decision for the repairs or reproductions of the remaining windows, some of which are in extremely bad condition at this time.

For the ninth consecutive year Thelma (Gove) Jordan has contributed \$1,000 to the library and also for the ninth consecutive year her former employer The Readers Digest Foundation has double-matched her contribution with \$2,000! These contributions have been used for, or accumulated to be used for, planned maintenance and repairs of the library structure and grounds permitting extensive improvements to the building that were long overdue! The Trustees and library staff take this opportunity to publicly thank Thelma and the Readers Digest Foundation for their generosity and interest in the preservation of our beautiful old library.

In addition to the above mentioned contributions we also wish to publicly thank those others who have so generously contributed in so many different ways during the past year with particular thanks to Janice Brown and Joseph Ray for their contribution toward the window reproductions project.

Respectfully Submitted
Maurice H. Muzzey, Chairperson
Catherine Thayer, Secretary
Nancy Masterson, Treasurer
TRUSTEES WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BAKER RIVER AUDIO VISUAL CENTER

Report for 1997

Total Number of People served at Center (not including users at Wentworth)	2,810
Audio Visual Users:	
Video's	2,498
Cassettes	498
Books	221
Audio Books	281
Film Strips	5
Large Print Books	19
Guides	3
Machine Users:	
Movie Projector	1
Slide Projector	2
Tape Player	1
Carousels	1

BAKER RIVER AUDIO VISUAL CENTER

Treasurer's Report for 1997

Balance on Hand January 1, 1997	\$ 437.94
Received from:	
Town of Rumney	\$ 600.00
Town of Wentworth	350.00
Refunds	48.74
	<u>48.74</u>
Total Available	\$ 1,436.68
Expenses:	
Postage	\$ 3.50
Insurance	142.00
Supplies	13.90
AV Materials	590.62
Equipment	<u>14.95</u>
Total Expenses	<u>764.97</u>
Balance 12/31/97	\$ 671.71

Respectfully submitted,
Muriel B. Kenneson
Treasurer

MOUNT MOOSELAUKEE HEALTH CENTER 1997 REPORT

The Mount Mooselaukee Health Center continued to experience growth in utilization of its programs in the past year. Significantly, much of this increased utilization is among families who do not have health insurance. In 1997, 35% of the patients at the Center did not have health insurance compared to 29% in 1996. During the year, the Center provided over \$40,000 worth of discounts and fee adjustments for medical services; an increase of 8% from 1996. Over 75% of the patients seen at the Health Center in 1997 were from Warren (41%), Wentworth (21%), and Rumney (14%).

During 1997, Staff, Board and Volunteers continued the important effort to sustain a comprehensive health care facility for all people in our community, regardless of family income or health insurance status. In the past year, the Health Center joined with other providers associated with Speare Memorial Hospital to form the Speare Health Network. We are hoping that this Network will serve as one vehicle for meeting the increasing challenges of Managed Care insurance programs and for improving the availability of affordable health care insurance.

The family practice currently sees patients by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 5:00, except Monday and Thursday when the Center offers early evening appointments until 6:00. Health Center patients who experience after-hours emergencies should call the Health Center where they will reach a Professional Answering Service who can put them in contact with the physician on call as necessary. Dr. Richard Covington, who is on Active Staff at Speare Memorial Hospital, shares after-hours and weekend emergency call with the other Family Practice physicians on the Hospital's Active Medical Staff.

Dr. Covington is now in his third year as Medical Director of the Health Center. We are grateful for his hard work and dedication to the practice. Dr. Covington is a Family Practice Physician and is board certified through the American Academy of Family Practice. Dr. Covington is joined in the practice by Jessica Thibodeau, Adult Nurse Practitioner. We also appreciate her devotion to the practice and the attentiveness she offers her patients. She provides a broad range of adult and adolescent health care including prenatal and women's health services. The Health Center has continued to collaborate with the Nurse Midwifery Program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock for deliveries and high risk referrals through our prenatal program.

In addition to medical services, the Center offers a variety of supplemental services to the community for free or minimal cost including special preventive clinics for hypertension, foot care, cancer screening, and adult immunizations; preventive dental services for children; nutrition counseling; massage therapy; WIC; a diabetic support group; a parent-child playgroup; an emergency food pantry; a car seat program; and family support services. During 1997 the Mount Mooselaukee Health Center saw over 3,000 patient visits in the family practice; an increase of 15% from the previous year. The Health Center provided preventive health care including free immunizations and lead screening to 115 children under the age of 12; free cancer screening exams for more than 40 women; and flu shots to 260 people. Over 75 families utilized the WIC program and 60 families used the

food distribution programs.

The health center has continued our policy of offering discounted fees to uninsured individuals and families with limited incomes. We also accept assignment on Medicare benefits including waiving the annual deductible for Medicare beneficiaries. Our ability to continue these policies and to sustain services in general are dependent on the tremendous support we receive through Town and individual contributions, as well as donations of time from many wonderful volunteers. We thank you all very much and look forward to a Healthy 1998.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Stewart
Administrator

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE
OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
Report to the Town of Wentworth**

We are very grateful for the continued support Wentworth provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who: are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability; require long term care; need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Wentworth.

The following services were provided in the Town of Wentworth during the past year.

	Visits
	<u>7/1/96-</u>
	<u>6/30/97</u>
Nursing	169
Physical Therapy	257
Speech Therapy	8
Occupational Therapy	102
Social Services	3
Home Health Aide	<u>415</u>
	954

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

WARREN - WENTWORTH AMBULANCE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 1997

As I sit to write this year's annual report, I find myself reflecting on the changes and events of the past year.

The most note-worthy occurrence has been the long awaited change in dispatch services from the Glencliff Home for the Elderly staff to the professional dispatch services of Lakes Region Mutual Aid Assoc. In this endeavor, we largely followed the Warren Volunteer Fire Department and gave support, attending meetings (endless, it seemed!), provided EMS in-put and of course, money! Despite a few glitches, we are quite pleased with the results. For our ambulance service, it means that there will always be EMS care regardless of whether our members are all out of town working. We'd especially like to thank Hue Wetherbee of the WVFD for sticking with the dream of going with Lakes Region Mutual Aid.

The next greatest challenge for our small ambulance service will be to build a new station to house our ambulances. We are looking carefully at a few options and are soon to choose which way we will go. Naturally, we are very excited about this project. It is also a time of tremendous planning and work. We trust that we can depend on the support of our communities as well as the expertise of the local craftsmen. Please work with us as we develop a plan and construct a building to meet our needs.

Another area of concern is one that is facing all areas of health care: reimbursement from the insurance carriers. There are tremendous changes that affect how we provide medical care to those in need. These changes are filtering down to the EMS scene. The literature is filled with reports of changes to come that will make it more difficult to get reimbursement from the insurances. We will have to "tighten our belts" just like all of the other health care providers. This is not easy in an area where OSHA requirements mandate the use of more and more disposable items and more protection for those on the ambulance. It is a challenge that we will have to rise to.

In the past year, the WWAS has responded to the usual variety of calls including cardiac, respiratory, trauma and motor vehicle accidents. We are called upon to stand by at structure fire scenes in case of injuries there. We have transported home a number of seriously and terminally ill residents who wished to return home for their final days. Some of the most difficult calls are those where we are faced with injuries that are so severe that they result in death at the scene. This year we faced such tragedies at one of the mills and on the highway.

The current members of the WWAS have been busy this past year improving their skills and knowledge. We have attended courses on dealing with death, trauma care, Diabetes, Haz-Mat incidents, latex allergies, maintaining intravenous fluids plus many more. We held training meetings on extrication from race cars, use of the "Jaws of Life," documenting care given and the endless review of skills needed to use the special equipment found on ambulances. Last year 5 members of the squad took an EMT-1 course of about 100 hours (including practical and clinical time). The effort and time required to do this is tremendous and a testimony to our dedication to providing you with the best care that we can. Please be sure to take the opportunity to thank the members for their efforts. We have started a new First Responder course this year. I cannot emphasize enough the need to constantly recruit new members: this is very demanding and draining work and we are currently experiencing the "retirement" of long time members. Please consider joining our squad the next time we offer a 1st Responder or EMT class.

Another area where we continue to need help is fund-raising. Last year, we were greatly aided by 2 new members who joined the squad as Auxiliary members. Without the boundless energy of Jane and Ann, our annual Penny Social would not have been the

success that it was. If you would like to help us in our fund-raising, please speak with any member of the squad.

As before, I would like to thank all of the WWAS members, especially the other officers. We all "wear many hats" and put in many hours to ensure the smooth operation of an ambulance service. It's a challenge meeting all of the requirements of state and federal agencies. THANKS, EVERYONE!!! And thanks go to the WVFD and Wentworth Fire Department for their assistance at motor vehicle accidents and other scenes.

Finally, the members of the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service thank all of you for your continued help and support. We look forward to continuing to provide you with the highest level of EMS services.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Erickson, EMT
President WWAS

Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service Run Stats

	<u>Warren</u>	<u>Wentworth</u>	<u>Norway Pines</u>	<u>Glencliff</u>	<u>Glencliff Home</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>
Jan '97	3	5	0	0	1	0
Feb '97	7	7	0	0	1	0
Mar '97	7	5	0	0	2	1
Apr '97	4	5	0	0	0	0
May '97	8	3	0	0	3	0
Jun '97	4	1	0	0	3	0
Jul '97	14	6	0	0	2	1
Aug '97	7	2	3	4	0	0
Sep '97	1	1	3	1	0	1
Oct '97	5	6	0	0	2	0
Nov '97	6	5	0	1	2	1
Dec '97	4	0	0	0	3	2
Totals:	70	46	10	1	24	7
Total Runs:	158					
	<u>Cardiac</u>	<u>Respir.</u>	<u>Other Medical</u>	<u>MVA</u>	<u>Other Trauma</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
Jan '97	0	1	3	1	2	2
Feb '97	3	4	5	1	1	1
Mar '97	1	7	3	2	1	1
Apr '97	0	1	1	5	0	1
May '97	6	2	3	3	1	0
June '97	2	5	3	1	0	0
Jul '97	3	3	8	2	2	2
Aug '97	2	6	2	5	0	0
Sep '97	0	2	4	1	0	0
Oct '97	6	1	1	2	0	0
Nov '97	4	4	1	4	0	0
Dec '97	1	4	4	0	0	0
Totals:	28	40	41	16	7	26
Total Runs:	158					

**WARREN-WENTWORTH AMBULANCE
1996 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Savings Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 24,838.00
Deposits:	
Insurance payments	20,394.73
Interest	743.67
Withdrawal:	
Transfer to checking	12,000.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$33,976.40

Checking Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 651.00
Deposits:	
From towns	6,000.00
Norway Pines	1,700.00
Transfer from savings	12,249.90
Fundraising	2,474.20
Miscellaneous	411.40
Interest	35.78
Expenses:	
Ambulance fuel	593.08
Ambulance maintenance	940.73
Equipment repairs	3,410.69
Fundraising expenses	375.57
Miscellaneous expense	284.83
Office Supplies	388.82
Oxygen	803.99
Squad insurance	2,051.16
Squad supplies	3,558.87
Medical supplies	5,714.32
Telephone	837.49
Training	2,692.35
<u>Ending balance</u>	\$ 1,231.40

Hi Fi Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 10,818.28
Deposits:	
Memorials/Donations	1,065.00
Interest	398.49
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 12,281.77

WARREN WENTWORTH AMBULANCE SERVICE

1997 Budgeted amount: \$ 3,000.00

1997 Actual operating expenses: \$ 21,651.90

Amount of 1997 Budget spent: \$ 3,000.00\

1998 Budget request: \$ 3,000.00

**WENTWORTH PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

The Planning Board had a busy 1997, compared to the last few years. The Board acted upon 3 minor subdivision requests and 3 boundary line adjustments. The expenses of the Board were limited to primarily postage and advertising.

**Richard T. Gowen
Chairman**

WENTWORTH PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Wentworth Park & Recreation Commission is made up of an appointed group of residents whose responsibility it is, "to over see the maintenance of the town owned and managed athletic fields, lawns, swimming areas, and parks." Further, to insure that activities of the "Friends of The Wentworth Park & Rec." are in the best interest of the Town of Wentworth. The commissioners meet periodically to review and act on the budget and pursue our other responsibilities.

The "Friends of Wentworth Park & Rec." is a dedicated group of volunteers who meet monthly, to arrange and sponsor events. Such events may include: volley ball, held on Sundays at Riverside Park during appropriate weather, hiking trips, canoe trips, the Easter egg hunt, and a sledding party.

One of our major efforts is raising money for the completion of a basketball/tennis court that is under construction at Riverside park. The two primary ways which we raise money are holding the pre-varietry show dinners in the spring and fall, and the "Great Park & Rec Duck Race" held on the "Wentworth Market Day."

This past year John King arranged for, and paid for, the trucking and grading of the base gravel for the new basketball/tennis court. The basketball back board standards and the footings for the tennis court nets were installed. In the spring of 1998, we expect to install crushed stone dust, and complete the basketball backboards and nets. The completion of this project will require fencing, asphalt paving, sealing and surface treatments for lines, and an additional \$ 12,000.00, (We gladly accept tax deductible donations).

It should be noted here that when the footings for the basketball standards were poured, several time capsules were placed inside the westerly foundation. Children from the Wentworth Elementary School and others, prepared packages for future archeologists to examine.

A big thank you to John King, Gail Paige, Rex, and Mike of Paige Welding, Tom Lucas, and all the other people who were so generous with their time and money.

The "Friends" are always looking for new members to help in improving the quality of life for the residents of this great town.

Respectfully submitted,

Palmer Koelb
Chairman

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our second year of operations from the Cottage at the Rocks, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The transportation committee had a busy agenda dealing with numerous local and regional projects. Highlights include: participation in a three-state discussion focused on Route 2, planning and funding several major bridge projects, planning and coordinating trail systems as well as addressing regional rail issues. The Portland Natural Gas Pipeline occupied a lot of time as we worked with the Attorney General's Office and the communities along the proposed right of way dealing with location and mitigation issues. Work continued on the Route 16 Corridor protection project. Our two working groups from the 14 towns along the highway started to look at some of the potential actions that can be taken along the corridor and will be working towards guidelines and recommendations over the coming year. Major products of the Route 16 effort this past year were a tourism-scenic evaluation element and a design guidebook, both of which will be very useful to local planning boards. Transportation funding activities were a priority with the Council's Transportation Committee and By Way Council. During the year both committees solicited projects to be funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Scenic By Way Program. Recommendations for funded projects were made to the state and federal agencies, results of those efforts will be known this spring.

The year saw the approval of our fifth EDA public works grant since 1991. The latest grant approved was to the Town of Colebrook. The Colebrook Grant brings N.C.C.'s twenty five-year record of EDA funding in the North Country to \$33 million. Work continues on the Haverhill and Lancaster E.D.A. projects and is complete in North Conway and Littleton. The Council's new Economic Development Committee was formed and began meeting. Planning for the new North Country Regional Overall Economic Development Program began. New projects for E.D.A. funding are now being solicited for inclusion in the O.E.D.P.

The N.C.C. Business Resource Center opened and has been in use by area entrepreneurs for the last six months.

The Council continued its work representing the interests of the communities on the Connecticut River, and the region as a whole in the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydro Re-Licensing project. The Council was a key player in the negotiations and was able to represent community interest in the operating agreement, insuring that the present access/use continue and that reservoir levels and flow regime remain intact. This means that recreation activities and local tax revenue potential will be equivalent to present conditions. We will continue to stay on top of this critical issue during the coming years.

This last year, the North Country Council Scenic and Cultural By Way Council adopted a Plan for the Regional By Way and developed a marketing publication which will be printed during the spring of 1998. In addition, the Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Highway Administration to have National Scenic By Way designation on the Kancamagus Highway expanded to include portions of Routes 302, 3 and 193 creating a continuous loop through the White Mountains. Work also continued on the Connecticut River Scenic By Way in cooperation with Vermont and Massachusetts.

The Community Design Program at the Council provided design assistance to Jackson, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Lancaster and Littleton. G.I.S. mapping continued for the entire North Country and individual projects were done for Lisbon, Littleton and Colebrook. The Council also hosted the Northeast Your Town Training Program. This unique program brought 30 local civic leaders and new planning professionals together with a national level community design faculty for a three day intensive community design program. Support of public involvement in community decision making was provided to several towns through survey projects and local forums around the region.

Solid waste planning services continued at the Council with every town in the region getting support from the Council's Solid Waste Staff. On a regional level, the Household Hazardous Waste Program is entering its eleventh year. A regional glass-crushing program began, with the Town of Lancaster in the lead. Support was provided to the region's schools on recycling everything from paper to plastic and glass.

Local technical assistance has always been a mainstay of Council activity, this last year was no different. The Council's grant-writing, planning and engineering staff worked with many of the regions 279 boards and councils on so many locally significant projects that they would be too numerous to mention. Libraries, industrial parks, ordinances, plans, site plan review, water and sewer feasibility, drainage projects, transfer stations master plans, land development capability assessment, water access, road improvement and handicapped access were just a few of the results.

As the year came to a close, the Council forged a relationship with a sister region in the Czech Republic. As a result of this effort, we hope to have local officials, non-profits and businesses from the North Country working with peers in Europe developing mutually beneficial projects and establishing a connection for the North Country into the European Union. In November, a regional official from the Slovak Republic came to the office for a day and a similar dialogue is starting.

The end of the year also witnessed the kick off of a telecommunications initiative at the Council with support from Bell Atlantic, C.D.F.A. and other partners. This important activity is the result of 4 years of study and some intensive work during the last six months.

The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. As a region, the North Country contains one third of the land-mass of N.H. and one fifth of its municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	03
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
TOTAL FIRES	726	Fireworks	16
TOTAL ACRES	177.17		

Stephen M. Kessler
Forest Ranger

John E. Cormiea
Forest Fire Warden

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met seven times during the 1997 calendar year. The District continued its work of organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives.

In June of 1997, the District held its biennial Household Hazardous Waste collection day. The collection sites were held at three district town's facilities (Ashland, Plymouth, and Campton/Thornton), where over 1,950 gallons of materials were collected. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Plymouth, and Rumney also collected paint and batteries for recycling year round resulting in the collection of an additional 500 gallons of paint. The District received grants from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to help cover the disposal and coordination costs of both programs.

This was our first year for a fluorescent light tube collection program. All the District's towns collected tubes at their facilities. In August and December the collected tubes were brought to the Plymouth facility where they were picked-up for recycling by Global Recycling Technologies. This was a very successful program as we recycled nearly 5000 feet of light tubes.

During the upcoming year the District committee will again organize and coordinate paint & battery and fluorescent light tube recycling and will continue to explore possible options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recycling. Citizens interested in participating in the process are welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town receives notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Berti, Chairman
Daniel Woods, District Coordinator

THE TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During 1997, your contribution helped the 575 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 37 women and children that were housed at the Task Force shelter. The following Task Force services are provided free of charge:

- 24 hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers.
- Confidential emergency shelter, food and transportation for victims of domestic violence.
- Support groups for domestic violence survivors. Separate support groups serve adults and children.
- Hospital and police accompaniment. Court and social service advocacy.
- Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, etc. Training programs for volunteers, law enforcement, and other professionals.
- Walk-in office at Whole Village Family Resource Center.

This year we are requesting \$400 from the town of Wentworth to further support our services to both adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence. The amount requested is based on town population from the 1990 census.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Amy Gilsdorf
Administrative Director

PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services Council, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches which aid in the development of healthy youths and their families. The Council currently coordinates six programs which are available to people in Eastern Grafton County (Lincoln to Alexandria):

- 1. Juvenile Court Diversion** - a voluntary program for first time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. The process involves the participants with volunteers from the community who develop a contract with each youth and his/her family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the youths who graduated from Diversion in 1995 and 1996, 92% have not committed a subsequent offense since, saving tens of thousands of dollars in court-ordered services.
- 2. OSS (Opportunities for Suspended Students)** - Based on the Juvenile Court Diversion model, the Council has begun a pilot program to work with students and their families from Plymouth Regional High School who are at risk of losing course credit due to repeated suspensions. This community-based approach connects families to services in the region which help the students and families develop their strengths.
- 3. The Challenge Course** - a 15-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on issues around alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Additional topics of discussion include high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS education.
- 4. The Rated PG Program** - a program for parents and guardians who would like to learn more information about alcohol and other drugs and how to talk with young people about these subjects. It also provides information on what they and their children can do to reduce the risk of ever experiencing an alcohol-related health or impairment problem.
- 5. OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol & Other Drugs)** - offered in cooperation with local police departments and Plymouth State College, OCTAA provides an effective educational opportunity for anyone between the ages of 18-21. This is also a lifetime risk-reduction program on the use and abuse of drugs.
- 6. Information and Referral** - provides area residents with a clearinghouse of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People with a variety of needs can receive free and confidential assistance on how to access these resources. Callers in the past have requested information on how to report suspected child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council also distributed 750 comprehensive *Guide to Community Resources* in 1997 to help towns, police, schools and other human service providers find services for the people they work with. A more extensive guide will be published in February of 1998.

Total service figures for the Council in 1997 are as follows:

Juvenile Court Diversion	25
OSS Program (began 11/97)	4
Challenge Course	28
Rated PG (began 10/97)	6
Information and Referral	166
8th Grade Conference	200
OCTAA (began 10/97)	38

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Bradley
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1997

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to enhance the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 20 older residents of Wentworth were able to make use of one or more of GSCC's services, offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 143 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 323 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 20 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 28 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 80 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Wentworth residents in 1997 was \$2,780.60.

Community based services provided by GSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Plymouth were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GSCC very much appreciates the support of the Plymouth community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

1997 Community Contact Report to the Town of Wentworth

Community Contact (formerly Outreach) is the field services arm of Tri-County Community Action. Our purpose is to assist low income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve problems and to meet their physical and financial needs. Community Contact staff accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and by utilizing community resources.

Last year the following direct assistance was provided by the CAP Community Contact Program in Wentworth:

	# Households	Amount of Direct Assistance
Fuel Assistance 1996-1997	31	\$11,492.34

We provided these services to the community:

- Served as a conduit for government surplus food to pantries and soup kitchens serving the area.
- Provided budget counseling which includes money management, debt management and financial planning to area households.
- Assisted Wentworth households who were homeless or in imminent danger of homelessness.
- Provided information and referral to Wentworth residents regarding matters such as legal problems, landlord/tenant disputes, emergency home repairs, health-medical resources, transportation and electric utility assistance and conservation programs.

With your help, we anticipate being able to provide at least the same level of services to Wentworth this year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, Collector of the Taxes, and Town Trustees for the Town of Wentworth, NH, for the year 1997, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Comeau
Raymond Hutchins
Auditors

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997**

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OFFICERS OF THE WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Angela Kenneson-Comeau	1998
Lee Morrison	1999
Richard Gowen	2000

TREASURER/CLERK
Virginia Gove

AUDITOR
Grzelak and Associates

MODERATOR
Arthur Morrison

SUPERINTENDENT
John W. True, Jr.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Mark Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Donna Marsden

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wentworth, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wentworth Elementary School on Saturday, the seventh day of March, 1998 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) for the construction and original equipping of an addition to the School building and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (The Board recommends this appropriation. 2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to discontinue the oil tank replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the School District's general fund. (The Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.)

Note: If Article 1 fails the School Board recommends this Article be passed over.

Article 3: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board under RSA 198:20-b to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year provided that such expenditures be made for purposes for which a school district may appropriate money and that such expenditures not require the spending of other school district funds.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 (fourteen thousand dollars) for the purpose or tuitioning district Kindergarten students to a Board approved Kindergarten program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,058 (six-thousand fifty-eight dollars) to fund co-curricular activities and transportation. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,646 (fourteen

thousand six hundred forty-six dollars) to fund the half-time Chapter I program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,824 (five thousand eight hundred twenty-four dollars) to fund an art program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,431 (seven thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars) to fund a part-time music teacher. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,548 (eight thousand five hundred forty-eight dollars) for teacher and support staff raises and associated fixed costs. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million twenty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$1,029,957) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District which also includes the sums found in articles 1,5,6,7,8,9 and 10. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 11: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen
Wentworth School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen
Wentworth School Board

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wentworth qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the tenth day of March, 1998 at 11:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk/Treasurer for the coming year.
3. To choose a School Board member for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Wentworth the 20th day of February, 1998.

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen

A true copy of warrant attest:

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So. Spring St., PO Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397



SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF WENTWORTH N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From

JULY 1, 1998 to JUNE 30, 1999

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list **ALL APPROPRIATIONS** in the appropriate recommended and no recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Certified That Budget Was Posted With Warrant on (Date) _____

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE SIGN ABOVE IN INK

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

YEAR 99 BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF Wentworth

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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199 Regular Programs	5,7,8,9,10		223,387.00	230,949.00	250,502.00	
1200-1299 Special Programs	10		96,574.00	114,665.00	94,350.00	
1300-1399 Vocational Programs			0.00	0.00	0.00	
1400-1499 Other Instruct. Programs	6		3,314.00	4,637.00	4,633.00	
1600-1699 Adult/Continuing Education			0.00	0.00	0.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Pupil Services			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2110-2119 Attendance & Social Work			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2120-2129 Guidance	10		500.00	500.00	6,321.00	
2130-2139 Health			3,910.00	8,062.00	8,357.00	
2140-2149 Psychological			180.00	4,890.00	4,590.00	
2150-2159 Speech Path & Audiology	10		13,343.00	16,389.00	16,461.00	
2190-2199 Other Pupil Services			911.00	825.00	825.00	
Instructional Staff Services			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2210-2219 Improvement of Instruc.			1,640.00	2,365.00	2,365.00	
2220-2229 Educational Media			1,479.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	
2290-2299 Other Instruc. Staff Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
General Administration			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2310 School Board			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2310 870 Contingency			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2310-2319 ALL Other Objects			4,416.00	5,928.00	6,393.00	
Office of the Superintendent			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2320 351 SAU Management Services			25,718.00	25,600.00	27,530.00	
2320-2329 ALL Other Objects			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2330-2339 Special Area Adm. Serv.			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2390-2399 Other Gen. Adm. Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2400-2499 School Administrative Services	10		14,957.00	12,752.00	15,073.00	
Business Services			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2520-2529 Fiscal			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2540-2549 Operation & Maint. of Plant	10		30,402.00	30,921.00	34,785.00	

Acct.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuring Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuring Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
2550-2559 Pupil Transportation	6		74,399.00	65,719.00	72,067.00	
2590-2599 Other Business Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2600-2699 Managerial Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2900-2999 Other Support Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
3000-3999 COMMUNITY SERVICES			0.00	0.00	0.00	
4000-4999 FACILITIES ACQUISIT. & CONSTRUCTION			19,282.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5100 830 Debt Service - Principal			0.00	0.00	0.00	
5100 840 Debt Service - Interest			0.00	0.00	10,002.00	
Deficit Appropriation			0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Transfers			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220 to Federal Projects Fund			1,209.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5230 To Capital Projects Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00	
5240 To Food Service Fund			61,806.00	65,816.00	70,498.00	
5241-5249 To Special Revenue Funds (including Revolving Funds)			0.00	0.00	0.00	
5250-5254 To Capital Reserve Fund			4,000.00	0.00	0.00	
5255 To Health Maint. Trust Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00	
5256-5259 To Other Trust Funds			0.00	0.00	0.00	
SUBTOTAL 1	11		581,427.00	595,223.00	629,957.00	

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed on the following page. Examples of individual warrant articles include: 1) ratification of negotiated cost items for multiple year Labor agreements; 2) contingency appropriations; 3) supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; and 4) deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

Acct.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuring Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuring Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
Kindergarten Tuition	5				Included in Subtotal 1	
Co-Curr Act. and Transp.	6				Included in Subtotal 1	
Chapter I Program	7				Included in Subtotal 1	
Art Program	8				Included in Subtotal 1	
Music Program	9				Included in Subtotal 1	
Collective Bargaining Incr.	10				Included in Subtotal 1	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	

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Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) Petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferrable article.

			Expenditures for Year 7/1/96	Appropriations Prior Year as of 6/30/97	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
Acct.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #				

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Construction Bond	1	400,000

SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX 400,000 XXXXXXXXXXXX

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 2) 629,957.00

SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 2) Included in Subtotal 1

SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles Recommended (from above) 400,000

TOTAL Appropriations Recommended 1,029,957.00

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) 548,859.00

Amount of Taxes To Be Raised for School District Assessment **481,098.00**

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a Line item or appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the Line total for the ensuing year.

Account No.	Warrant Article Number	Amount	Account No.	Warrant Article Number	Amount

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES					
3110 Foundation Aid			3,047.23	24,592.00	19,558.00
3210 School Building Aid			0.00	0.00	0.00
3220 Area Vocational School			0.00	0.00	0.00
3240 Catastrophic Aid			3,396.00	2,457.00	4,620.00
3250 Adult Education			0.00	0.00	0.00
3270 Child Nutrition			694.00	0.00	0.00
Kindergarten Aid			0.00	5,250.00	6,000.00
Other State Aid (Specify)			0.00	0.00	0.00
 REV. FROM FEDERAL SOURCES					
4410 ECIA, Chapter I and II			1,208.62	2,000.00	2,000.00
4430 Vocational Education			0.00	0.00	0.00
4450 Adult Education			0.00	0.00	0.00
4460 Child Nutrition Programs(inc. 1900)			18,652.00	50,818.00	55,500.00
4470 Handicapped Programs			0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Forest Land			2,712.73	2,838.00	2,532.00
Other Fed Sources (Identify)Medicaid			19,681.75	10,000.00	20,000.00
Other Federal/State Grants			0.00	0.00	0.00
 LOCAL REV. OTHER THAN TAXES					
5100 Sale of Bonds or Notes	1		0.00	0.00	400,000.00
5230 Transfer from Capital Projects Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00
5250 Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	2		0.00	0.00	11,398.00
5255 Transfer from Expend Trust Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00
1300-1360 Tuition			4,384.31	8,350.00	8,350.00
1500-1599 Earnings on Investments			0.00	200.00	200.00
1700-1799 Public Activities			0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Local Sources (Identify) W.C./Unempl. Div.			2,898.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Local Sources (Identify) Constr. Fund Int.			0.00	0.00	3,000.00
1900 Sale from Food Service			13,598.61	0.00	0.00

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
This Section for Calculation of Reimbursement					
Anticipation Notes (RAN) Per RSA 198:20-D for					
Catastrophic Aid Borrowing					
RAN, Revenue This FY	Less				
RAN, Revenue Last FY	=				
NET RAN					
Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)					
Unreserved Fund Balance			25,605.28	18,916.00	14,701.00
Appropriations Voted From "Surplus"			XXXXXXXXXX		
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes			XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			95,878.53	126,421.00	548,859.00

WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Teacher Contracts for 1997-1998

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	BASE SALARY	STEP/ TRACK	TOTAL SALARY
Buck	Dana	Art Teacher (20%)	\$ 5,170.53	M-7	\$ 5,170.53
Graham	Tamara	Music Teacher (20%)	\$ 5,402.63	M-10	\$ 5,402.63
Hammond	Teena	Speech Therapist (20%)	\$ 7,644.11	Neg.	\$ 7,644.11
Houde	Paula	Teacher	\$ 23,999.49	B-5	\$ 23,991.49
Kenney	Daniel	Teacher	\$ 27,393.46	M-12	\$ 27,393.46
Klabecek	Dianne	Teacher	\$ 23,428.12	M-3	\$ 23,428.12
Robinson	Julia	Teacher	\$ 25,112.77	B-7	\$ 25,112.77
Sowa	Stephanie	Resource Room Teacher	\$ 21,000.00	B-1	\$ 21,000.00
Webster	Betty	Guidance Counselor	\$ 5,007.00		\$ 5,007.00
Weisburger	Donald	Teaching Principal	\$ 37,080.00	Admin.	\$ 37,080.00
Zelenak	Beth	Reading Teacher (90%)	\$ 21,085.00	B-3	\$ 21,085.00

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1997
Wentworth School District

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Food Service	Capital Reserve
Cash	35,368.75		1,111.64	
Investments				10,932.95
Interfund Rec	48.72			
Intergov't Rec	795.17	48.72	1,584.00	
Total Current Assets	36,212.64	48.72	2,695.64	10,932.95
Total Assets	36,212.64	48.72	2,695.64	10,932.95
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Interfund Payables		48.72		
Intergov't Payables	2,646.97			
Other Payables			817.67	
Deferred Revenues	12,837.75			
Total Liabilities	15,484.72	48.72	817.67	0.00
Fund Equity				
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,811.95			
Reserve for Special Purposes				10,932.95
Unreserved Fund Balance	18,915.97		1,877.97	
Total Fund Equity	20,727.92	0.00	1,877.97	10,932.95
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	36,212.64	48.72	2,695.64	10,932.95

STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Local Revenue

Taxes

Current Appropriation	487,353.00
Total Taxes	487,353.00

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES**June 30, 1997**

Balance Sheet Number	Date Paid	Expenditure Account Charged	Amount
Vendor			
420	7/24	The Citizen	2311.540 23.12
420	7/24	Lakes Region OT	2154.310 344.00
420	7/24	Mt. Media	2311.540 20.00
420	7/24	Teney Mt. Taxi	2553.513 1,438.40
420	7/24	Union Leader	2311.540 102.00
420	7/24	Valley News	2311.540 29.24
420	7/24	Betty Webster	2122.310 500.00
420	7/24	Xerox	2410.741 190.21
420 F/S Fund	7/24	Parents/Lunch Cr	1624 114.50
420 F/S Fund	7/24	Crowley Foods	2561.620 459.62
420 F/S Fund	7/24	Kathy Evans	2561.580 29.40
420 F/S Fund	7/24	J J Nissen	2561.620 27.62
420 F/S Fund	7/24	NYNEX	2561.531 38.03
420 F/S Fund	7/24	Shop n Save	2561.620 143.13
420 F/S Fund	7/24	Warren Vill. Mkt	2561.620 5.37
Total			3,464.64
General Fund	0420	\$ 2,646.97	
Food Service Fund	0420	817.67	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1997

Enrollment at the Wentworth Elementary School during the 1997/1998 school year is 103. The student population has increased by 7 from the 1996/1997 school year.

Grade distribution of students is as follows:

Grade 1 - 12	Grade 3 - 15	Grade 5 - 11	Grade 7 - 16
Grade 2 - 11	Grade 4 - 15	Grade 6 - 10	Grade 8 - 13

Grades 1 and 2 are taught by Mrs. Paula Houde, who is in her sixth year at WES. Grades 3 and 4 are taught by Ms. Julia Robinson, who is in her eighth year at Wentworth, and by Ms. Beth Zelenak, who is in her 3rd year with us. Language Arts and Social Studies for grades 5-8 are taught by Mr. Daniel Kenney, who is in his 4th year at WES. Grades 5-8 Mathematics and Science are taught by Ms. Dianne Klabechek, who is in her 3rd year at Wentworth. Principal Don Weisburger, in his 5th year at WES, is also the Physical Education Instructor for grades 1 through 8.

Ms. Dana Buck creatively teaches Art Education to our students. Children produce quality artwork and projects throughout the year. Wentworth students have had artwork displayed around the Pemi-Baker Valley.

Mrs. Tamara Graham skillfully teaches our Music Education program. Participation in our instrumental music program is at an all time high. We have students playing the violin, piano, flute, trumpet, and drums.

Ms. Stephanie Sowa is the Special Education Coordinator at W.E.S. She addresses the needs of students through Individual Education Plans (IEP). Ms. Sowa works in unison with the classroom teachers and special education aides to provide an appropriate education plan for students. This is Ms. Sowa's first year at W.E.S.

As well as teaching third grade 1/2 time, Ms. Beth Zelenak coordinates the Reading Recovery Program at WES. It is a reading and writing program for 1st and 2nd grade students. It is an early intervention program that effectively addresses students needs.

Mrs. Nancy Gable teaches health education to our students and addresses our schools health needs as our nurse.

Ms. Betty Webster is the school guidance counselor. She works with our students providing academic and personal support.

Our support staff is very strong again this year. Mrs. Maria Young is our talented school secretary; Mrs. Bonnie Roberts, Ms. Allison LaPoint and Miss Vicki Freiert are our fine classroom special education aids; Mrs. Linda Farnsworth does an outstanding job as our Grade 1/2 classroom aide; Mrs. Kathy Evans and Mrs. Charlene Weeks preside over our fine school lunch program; Mr. Richard Young is our custodian and keeps our school building in tip-top shape. Thank you all!

Leslie Backstrom gives us her time to coordinate our strong group of library volunteers: Beverly Sebastiao, Arlene Patten, Kathleen Mack, Sandee Snogren, and Tara Gowen.

Tara Gowen is president of our active and supportive PTO. We have a very dedicated group of parents who work hard to provide for our children and our school

Computers continue to be an important part of the learning process at W.E.S. Our students have access to 45 computers. Students are taking a technology class and are utilizing the computers for invaluable learning opportunities. W.E.S. is on the internet and can be reached at: Wentworth@RR2.conrriver.net. Wentworth ranks 3rd in the state in computer to students ratio. We have 1 computer for every 2.2 students.

In December we put on a school wide production of "The Nutcracker." For the hundreds of people in attendance it was a night of entertainment they will not forget. With the help of many community members and the staff, Mr. Kenney directed a wonderful production.

Our school wide garden project continues to grow. We do 2 days of Saturday School a year now. Our Spring day of Saturday School is spent planting a community vegetable and herb garden and a pumpkin patch. Throughout the summer and fall students, parents, and teachers cultivate the garden. During the various harvest times many people have had the good fortune to benefit from the hard work put in by our community.

The staff and I would like to thank the community for all their help and support. Because of the hard work we do together Wentworth Elementary School is "A Great Place To Learn."

Respectfully submitted,

Don Weisburger
Principal

Mission Statement

The primary mission of Wentworth Elementary School is to develop within each student a positive self-image and to provide all students with the necessary tools to enable them to acquire skills and use knowledge in a positive, productive manner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Most of the school budgets within SAU #48 are either down or up a very small percentage. Increases in foundation aid (sweepstakes), new state revenues for kindergarten, and our success in increasing revenues through Medicaid for special education have done much to assist us in our budgets. Members of our boards have been adamant that these new found revenues not be spent, but be returned to the taxpayer as tax relief. The restraint shown by our board members speaks highly of their concern for and sensitivity to our communities. In addition, some of our computer specialists have been successful at writing grants for computer equipment. This also reduces, to a degree, some pressure on our budgets. These educators are heartily thanked for their efforts. We hope that as the Legislature grapples to resolve the Supreme Court's ruling on the Claremont Decision [that an adequate education must be provided to all children in New Hampshire and that taxation for education needs to be comparable from Town to Town] that legislators will find a way to increase local tax relief rather than reduce it.

Research shows that small class sizes in Grades K-2 results in improved student achievement. Even as our boards have pursued fiscal restraint, they have placed an emphasis on small class sizes in grades K, 1 and 2. Although this is not always possible, it is a philosophical direction that has been embraced by our boards. We believe that it will improve the quality of classroom instruction, enhance student achievement as well as perhaps provide the individual attention that some students need in order to gain their basic skills more quickly and solidly.

Much work has been done by many of our teachers throughout the SAU in developing K-12 curriculum. This spring our boards will be asked to approve this curriculum for implementation SAU wide. We are also busily reviewing and refining curricula for mathematics and social studies. In addition, this summer we will start work on the science curriculum. Our SAU has made great strides in developing coordinated curriculum for grades K-12. This provides for a smooth transition from our elementary schools to our high school.

We recognize that there are many feelings regarding the need for addition/renovations in both Wentworth and at the High School. Regardless of your final decision on how to vote, we encourage you to find out as much as you can about the building committee's proposals.

This has been a particularly difficult year for the high school. During the past few years we have and will continue to receive anywhere from 40 to 50 new students. This unfortunately has required staffing additions as well as a greater number of books and materials. This has created financial as well as space pressures at the high school. The building administration has done a remarkable job of maximizing the use of any and all space that exists in the building. You are welcome at any time to call 536-1444 to make an appointment with Bruce Parsons, Principal or Rick Knowles, Assistant Principal to tour the building during the school day when students are there.

As always, I am grateful for the contributions that our community members, board members, professional and support staff make to our schools. There is a strong desire in our communities for quality education which is refreshing and I am deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement that many of you have extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. True, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Meeting opened with Flag salute at 3:05 p.m., Saturday, March 8, 1997.

ARTICLE 1: TO SEE WHAT ACTION THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE RELATIVE TO THE REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD GOWEN, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD UNDER RSA 198:20-B TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR PROVIDED THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES BE MADE FOR PURPOSES FOR WHICH A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY AND THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES NOT REQUIRE THE SPENDING OF OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD GOWEN SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,000 (FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF TUITIONING DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO A BOARD APPROVED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,062 (SIX-THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS) TO FUND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$13,260 (THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS) TO FUND THE HALF-TIME CHAPTER I PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION MADE BY RICHARD GOWEN, SECONDED BY LEE

MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,339 (FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS) TO FUND AN ART PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,947 (SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN) TO FUND A PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY RICHARD GOWEN. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,252 (FOURTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS) FOR TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF RAISES AND ASSOCIATED FIXED COSTS. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON. VOICE VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$595,223) FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES THE SUMS IN ARTICLES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

JOHN THOMPSON MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMOUNT TO \$540,654 (LAST YEAR'S BUDGET), SECONDED BY FRANCIS MUZZEY. PAPER BALLOT, 67 VOTED, 14 YES, 53 NO. VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE.

MOTION MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY DONNA HERLIHY TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$595,223 (MOTION AS ORIGINALLY READ). PAPER BALLOT, 67 VOTED, 56 YES, 11 NO. VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MOTION ACCEPTED AS READ.

ARTICLE 10: TO DISCUSS SENATE BILL 2 WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT AT THE POLLS ON MARCH 11, SUCH BALLOT QUESTION TO READ: "SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 40:13 TO ALLOW

OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT?" (SUBMITTED BY PETITION) (THE BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.) (60% VOTE REQUIRED AT POLLS.)

DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS ARTICLE - FRANCIS MUZZEY FOR THE ARTICLE, LEE MORRISON OPPOSED. MOTION MADE BY FRANCIS MUZZEY, SECONDED BY PAUL DAVIS, SR. VOICE VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE.

ARTICLE 11: TO TRANSACT ANY FURTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

ROY AMES SUGGESTED A CAPITAL RESERVE FOR BUILDING BE ESTABLISHED. JANICE THOMPSON ASKED ABOUT BUILDING FUND, LEE MORRISON EXPLAINED, DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY JOHN THOMPSON, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON AT 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Gove
School Clerk

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board
Wentworth School District
Plymouth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Wentworth School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997. These general- purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Wentworth School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general- purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known .

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Wentworth School District as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Wentworth School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak and Company, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
September 12, 1997

A copy of the Audit of the 1996-1997 School District financial transaction may be reviewed at the Superintendent of Schools Office.

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997 GRADUATES

Richard Albaugh
Wanda Belyea
Lynda Blodgett
Beth Borger
Chris Corriveau
Beth Farnsworth
Eric Hilts
Stephanie Nystrom
Erin Pratt
Krista Snogren

